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TAGS: PINT, ZA

SUBJ: ROAN PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION PRODUCES WHITE MEMBER  
OF ZAMBIAN PARLIAMENT

1. FRIDAY, MARCH 31, PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION IN ROAN  
CONSTITUENCY WAS CONTESTED BY THREE UNIP NOMINEES AND WON  
IN LANDSLIKE BY A WHITE FARMER FROM LUANSHYA, ARTHUR E.  
PIERS. THE TURNOUT AT THE POLLS WAS SPARSE WITH ONLY  
29 PERCENT PARTICIPATION CONTRASTED WITH THE CONSTITUENCY'S  
32 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN THE 1973 ELECTION.

2. PRESIDENT KAUNDA IS A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PIERS  
DESCRIBED HIS VICTORY AS "DESERVED" AND WENT ON TO SAY  
"YOUR ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT IS A VINDICATION THAT OUR BELIEF  
THAT ALL ZAMBIANS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED OR  
STATION IN LIFE, CAN RISE TO A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN  
THE NATION AS LONG AS THEY ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE OF THE  
MASSES WHO ARE OUR MASTERS."

COMMENT: PIERS WILL BE THE ONLY WHITE IN PARLIAMENT.  
LOW TURNOUT AT THE POLLS WILL TEND TO CONFIRM UNIP FEARS  
THAT GENERAL ELECTION IN 1978 MAY BE MARKED BY MASSIVE  
ABSTENTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE  
COPPERBELT. ELECTION OF PIERS OVER HIS TWO BLACK ZAMBIAN  
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RIVALS, WHILE A TRIBUTE TO ZAMBIA'S MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY,  
MAY ALSO BE READ AS AN INDICATION OF VOTER DISCONTENT  
WITH THE TYPE OF REPRESENTATION THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM  
MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN RACE. THIS COULD BE ANOTHER SHARP  
SIGNAL TO UNIP THAT MUCH IS YET TO BE DONE TO ENSURE A  
GOOD TURNOUT AND A SUBSTANTIAL VOTE FOR THE "RIGHT"  
CANDIDATE IN 1978.

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